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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

Minutes of Meeting Held in DIAXX Conference Room
Room 2D921, Pentagon
1000-1245, Tuesday, 30 January 1968

PRESIDING

Chairman

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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Mr. L. A. Moyer, Jr., State
DIA

Col. R. W. Kane, AFNIN
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Col. H. F. Grimm, Jr., OACSI

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Capt. B. L. Garbow, ONI

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Lt. Col. Paul M. Bennett, OACSI

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Mr. J. C. St. Cyr, OACSI

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Lt. Col. Nelson D. Thurman, AFNIN

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Executive Secretary

Mr. E. E. Donelson, O/COMIREX

Mr. J. L. Bothwell, Ch/Imagery Collection Requirements
Subcommittee

Mr. J. W. McLauchlin, Ch/Imagery Exploitation Subcommittee

Col. G. T. Sowers, Ch/Exploitation Research and Development
Subcommittee

Mr. J. R. Hays, Ch/National Imagery Data Base Working Group

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Special Meeting

1. The Chairman called a special meeting for the primary purpose of considering problems relating to reconnaissance of North Korea as a result of its seizure of the USS PUEBLO.

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Highlights of BLACK SHIELD Coverage of North Korea--BX6847,
26 January 1968

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2. [] briefed COMIREX on various highlights of the BLACK SHIELD mission on 26 January. The briefing is summarized below.

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a. [] provided the first sighting of a [] and showed a number of Komar PTGs. Principal interest in the PTGs is that there appear to be more in the North Korean OB than had previously been reported. There is also high interest in location of []

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[] Also, a possible PGM and a PT are under construction.

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c. []
At ten of them

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d. Some photography was obtained of airfields but as seven jet-capable airfields were not covered a meaningful AOB could not be put together.

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f. []

[] showed nine probable tank/assault guns and six tank/assault guns.


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Requirement for Additional BLACK SHIELD Coverage of
North Korea25X1

3. The Chairman invited attention to a summary of the requirement for recoverage of North Korea stated in terms of the need to obtain coverage of seven "jet capable" airfields, several key naval bases, the northern border of Korea in general, and slightly later in point of time recoverage of the DMZ. Possibilities for coverage represented by 1045 were reviewed as well as the eventual potential for limited coverage of the northern border area when 4312 is launched on 5 March. 

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 but it was concluded that consideration of drone coverage was academic for the time being. It was noted that the principal advantage of a drone would be if operated at low level to get target details. No one has expressed a requirement for this. A draft memorandum to the Board was prepared by Mr. Donelson during the meeting. It was reviewed, and the Chairman undertook to send a paper to USIB based on suggestions made at the meeting. Requirements were cabled to USIB as OPCEN 1800. Board approval was completed on 31 January, USIB-D-46.4/10, COMIREX-D-25.7/4./

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6. Mr. McLauchlin submitted for approval a supplement to the special reporting instructions sent out on 25 January (COMIREX-D-31.2/4). COMIREX requested that it be clearly understood that this is a supplement and in no way supersedes the instructions contained in the original memorandum. With regard to coverage of [redacted] requested that the requirement be specific that photographic coverage out to sea is for a 25-nautical-mile "radius." Use of the term "arc" could be confusing. COMIREX approved the supplement.

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7. [redacted] wished to make it a matter of record that the Director, DIA had commented very favorably on the initial instructions. General Carroll was impressed by the amount of work, its accuracy, and the dispatch with which it was accomplished.

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Duplication and Distribution of BLACK SHIELD Photography over North Korea

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8. Mr. McLauchlin presented a new schedule for duplication and distribution of BLACK SHIELD photography over

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North Korea, explaining that in Priority 3, 1 DP has been added for
NR TSC and a appeal. The Chairman suggested that COMIREX approve the new
schedule, subject only to further review if appealed.



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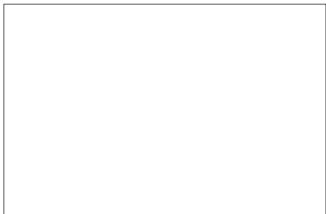
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